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Chapter 01: Secretary of State

Secretary of State

A-01-001-01 Secretary's Subject and Country Files

Description: Background press briefings, briefing papers, chits, correspondence, drafts, memorandums, memorandums of conversation, notes, official-informal

Disposition: Permanent. Retire to the Records Service Center (RSC) at the end of the Secretary's tenure or sooner if necessary. Block files of each Secretary of State all together in one group. Transfer to Washington National Records Center (WNRC) when 5 years old. Transfer to the National Archives when 30 years old.

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A-01-001-02 Secretary's Briefing Books

Description: Briefing books prepared for the Secretary's use on appearances before Congress, conferences, meetings, special issues, state visits, trips, and other related subjects.

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A-01-001-03 Secretary's Meetings File - Arrange chronologically

Description: Agendas, briefing materials, memorandums, memorandums of conversations, minutes, notes, readouts, reports, talking points, telegrams, and other related documentation on the meetings of the Secretary.

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A-01-001-04 Secretary's Policy Making Staff Meetings File

Description: Verbatim transcripts of meetings of the policy making staff of the Department.

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A-01-001-05 Secretary's Schedules File

Description: Records of the Secretary's schedule covering telephone calls and meetings. This covers the full version and the public version.

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A-01-001-06 Secretary's Speeches, Statements, and Trips Files - Arrange by event, generally in chronological order

Description: Briefing materials, chits, communiqués, correspondence, drafts, itineraries, memorandums, memorandums of conversation, notes, press releases, reports, speeches, statements, telegrams, and other related documentation and material on the preparations for the Secretary, the activities surrounding the Secretary, and the results of the Secretary's speeches, statements, and trips.

Disposition: Permanent. Retire to the Records Service Center (RSC) at the end of the Secretary's tenure or sooner if necessary. Block files of each Secretary of State all together in one group. Transfer to Washington National Records Center (WNRC) when 5 years old. Transfer to the National Archives when 30 years old.

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A-01-001-07 Secretary's Telephone Calls File

Description: Notes and transcripts of telephone calls.

Disposition: Permanent. Retire to the Records Service Center (RSC) at the end of the Secretary's tenure or sooner if necessary. Block files of each Secretary of State all together in one group. Transfer to Washington National Records Center (WNRC) when 5 years old. Transfer to the National Archives when 30 years old.

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A-01-001-08 Secretary's Miscellaneous Correspondence File

Description: Incoming and outgoing correspondence and memorandums on substantive U.S. foreign policy issues.

Disposition: Permanent. Retire to the Records Service Center (RSC) at the end of the Secretary's tenure or sooner if necessary. Block files of each Secretary of State all together in one group. Transfer to Washington National Records Center (WNRC) when 5 years old. Transfer to the National Archives when 30 years old.

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A-01-001-09 Secretary's Chronological File

Description: Chits, correspondence, briefing materials, official-informal correspondence, memorandums, memorandums of conversation, notes, reports, speeches, statements, telegrams, and other related documentation and material on the activities, interests, and responsibility of the Secretary of State. Arrange file chronologically; or arrange file by type of records thereunder chronologically.

Disposition: Permanent. Retire to the Records Service Center (RSC) at the end of the Secretary's tenure or sooner if necessary. Block files of each Secretary of State all together in one group. Transfer to Washington National Records Center (WNRC) when 5 years old. Transfer to the National Archives when 30 years old.

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A-01-001-10a Declined Invitation Files - Arranged chronologically by the month in which the event is to take place.

Description: Consists of invitations to events not attended by the Secretary of State. Some files include a checklist of events the Secretary of State was invited to attend.

a. Official File.

Disposition: Retain for two months after the month in which the event takes place, then destroy.

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A-01-001-10b Declined Invitation Files - Arranged chronologically by the month in which the event is to take place.

Description: Consists of invitations to events not attended by the Secretary of State. Some files also include a checklist of events the Secretary of State was invited to attend.

b. Electronic version of records created by electronic mail and word processing applications.

Disposition: Delete when file copy is generated or when no longer needed for reference or updating.

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A-01-001-11a	Event Files - Arranged chronologically by subject and country.		
Description:	Consists of activity sheets, briefing memorandums, testimonies, agendas and lists of participants for internal, press, and White House meetings; interviews; visits of high-ranking officials; and trips of the Secretary of State. a. Official File.		
Disposition:	Permanent. Retire to the Records Service Center (RSC) at the end of the Secretary's tenure or sooner if necessary. Block files of each Secretary of State all together in one group. Transfer to the Washington National Records Center (WNRC) when 5 years old. Transfer to the National Archives when 25 years old.		
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A-01-001-11b	Event Files - Arranged chronologically by subject and country.		
Description:	Consists of activity sheets, briefing memorandums, testimonies, agendas and lists of participants for internal, press, and White House meetings; interviews; visits of high-ranking officials; and trips of the Secretary of State. b. Electronic version of records created by electronic mail and word processing applications.		
Disposition:	Delete when file copy is generated or when no longer needed for reference or updating.		
DispAuthNo:	N1-59-98-2, item 2b	Date Edited:	3/1/1999
A-01-001-12	Special Study Records (NATO Enlargement)		
Description:	Consists of correspondence, telegrams, memoranda, reports, diplomatic notes, and drafts related to NATO enlargement during the period of 1993 - 1998. Arranged by subject.		
Disposition:	PERMANENT: Retire to RSC for transfer to WNRC. Transfer to the National Archives when 25 years old.		
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